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	Filing Date	March 14, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Tateo Oishi, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2134
	Examiner Name	Nalven, Andrew L.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 - ☒ Other Previously Filed Amendment of September 28, 2007
 - ☒ Enclosed
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 - ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment
- Miscellaneous

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 - ☐ Other
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